AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A holding device with at least one operating mount, to which fastening means that are stressed upon traction can be fixed, as well as with a securing unit for mounting the holding device in a stationary mount, whereby the securing unit has at least two stopping catches distanced from one another, which stopping catches engage, in the mounted condition, with corresponding edge sections of the stationary mount; characterized in that: the stopping catches (9, 9a, 9b) are positioned on elastically movable support units (8, 8a, 8b, 15) which are connected with one another by means of a transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) which is dimensionally stable in at least the mounted condition, the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) having two opposed end regions which are spaced apart a distance substantially greater than a distance separating the edge sections (11, 11b) of the stationary mount (3, 3b), the elastically movable support units emanating from respective ones of the two opposed end regions of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b), and the stopping catches (9, 9a) being spaced apart a distance substantially less than the distance separating the opposed end regions of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) through which any pulling force that may be exerted upon transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) causes constricted restricted sections (10, 10b) disposed between the stopping catches (9, 9a) to bear against the edge sections (11, 11b), wherein each of the elastically movable support units (8, 8a, 8b, 15) has at least one area which has a thickness which is less than a minimum thickness of the transverse section.

2. (Previously amended) A holding device in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the dimensionally stable transverse section (7, 7a, 7b), the support units (8, 8b, 15), and the stopping catches (9, 9a, 9b) are designed as a single-part bracket element.

3. (Original) A holding device in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that, at least one operating mount is integrally formed, as a single part, with the bracket element.

4. (Previously amended) A holding device in accordance with claim 3, characterized in that, the bracket element has an attachment eyelet as an operating mount, which eyelet is formed by a free space below the transverse section (7, 7b) and between the support units (8, 8b).

5. (Previously amended) A holding device in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the dimensionally stable transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) has a greater material thickness than the support units (8, 8a, 8b).

6. (Previously amended) A holding device in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that, the mount (3b) has a rotationally asymmetrical penetrating cross-section, and that, the stopping catches (9b) are adjusted to the penetrating cross-section in a form-locking manner, so that the stopping catches (9b) are, in the mounted condition, held in the mount (3b), in relation to a central axis of the mount (3b), in a manner secured against twisting.

7. (Withdrawn) A holding device in accordance with claim 2, characterized in that, the operating mount 14 is integrally formed with a support element 12 separated from the bracket element, which support element is provided with a base-side support area 13 for support on the edge sections 11 of the mount 3, and that, the bracket element 7a, 9a, 15 overlaps with the support element 12 in the mounted condition.

8. (Withdrawn) A holding device in accordance with claim 7, characterized in that, the support element has a support body section 16 which, in the mounted condition, forms a broad-surface, dimensionally stable placement contact for the transverse section 7a of the bracket element.

9. (Withdrawn) A holding device in accordance with claim 8, characterized in that, the bracket element 7a, 9a, 15 is spatially integrated into the support element 12.

10. (Withdrawn) A holding device in accordance with claim 7, characterized in that, on the support element 12, several hook extensions 14 projecting outwardly are provided as an operating mount.

11. (Newly presented) A holding device with at least one operating mount, to which fastening means that are stressed upon traction can be fixed, as well as with a securing unit for mounting the holding device in a stationary mount, whereby the securing unit

has at least two stopping catches distanced from one another, which stopping catches engage, in the mounted condition, with corresponding edge sections of the stationary mount; characterized in that: the stopping catches (9, 9a, 9b) are positioned on elastically movable support units (8, 8a, 8b, 15) which are connected with one another by means of a transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) which is dimensionally stable in at least the mounted condition, the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) having two opposed end regions which are spaced apart a distance substantially greater than a distance separating the edge sections (11, 11b) of the stationary mount (3, 3b), the elastically movable support units emanating from respective ones of the two opposed end regions of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b), and the stopping catches (9, 9a) being spaced apart a distance substantially less than the distance separating the opposed end regions of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) through which any pulling force that may be exerted upon transverse section (7, 7a, 7b) causes constricted restricted sections (10, 10b) disposed between the stopping catches (9, 9a) to bear against the edge sections (11, 11b), and wherein the lengths of the elastically movable support units (8, 8a, 8b, 15) is at least approximately the same length as the length of the transverse section (7, 7a, 7b).